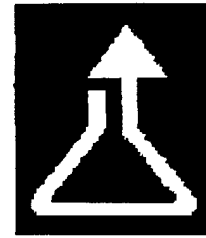


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United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Arlington, VirginiaRe: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/848,833  
Title: Plastics Additives: Improved Process, Products,  
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Any Docket: 99-068

Dear Dr. Kelechi:

I have telephoned and left voicemails for you at least twice (on April 28, 2003 and April 29, 2003) in connection with the above-identified application. Since you have not been able to return my telephone calls to confirm your receipt of my telephone messages, I believed it best to forward the following request to you in writing.

We received an Office Action for the above-identified application that was mailed April 10, 2003. In the Office Action, you included a number of claim rejections supported by citation of various prior art documents, including non-U.S. patent documents and a technical journal publication. It is noted that the Office Action sets a due date of July 10, 2003 for response. However, we did not receive copies of any of the cited prior art documents.

In the foregoing circumstances, we respectfully request, pursuant to MPEP § 707.05(g), that you please re-mail the Office Action to us, including copies of the cited prior art documents, and reset the due date for response to the Office Action based upon the date of re-mailing.

If you are unable to fulfill the foregoing request, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned attorney directly at (215) 592-3025. Otherwise, I will assume that you will be able to attend to our request in due course and I will ignore the original due date for response of July 10, 2003.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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